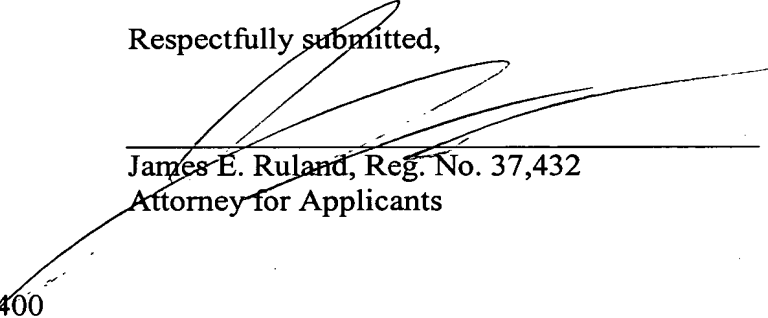


REMARKS

The principal purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to show application continuity. In addition, the parent application No. 09/725,510 was originally filed in French. Applicants are submitting a copy except of the claims of the English translation submitted April 24, 2001, which was verified as a true and accurate translation of the originally-filed application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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